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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid crystal device comprising:

a pair of substrates having an electrode arrangement thereon;

an orientation control means provided on at least one of said substrates; and

a ferroelectric or antiferroelectric liquid crystal layer interposed between said substrates, said liquid crystal layer being uniaxially oriented by virtue of said orientation control means,

wherein means for suppressing an orientation control effect of said orientation control means with respect to said liquid crystal layer is provided between said liquid crystal layer and said orientation control means.